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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuation-in-part patent application, which claims benefit of priority of USSN 09/231,093, filed January 14, 1999, in the:

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For: **Mitochondrial DNA Damage as a Predictor of Coronary  
Atherosclerotic Heart Disease**

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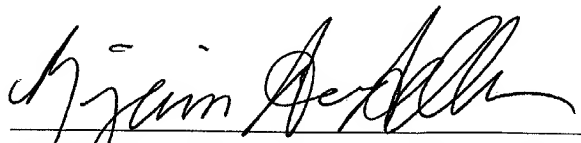
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